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11. (U) Per reftel A, USUN has advised the Costa Rican delegation that the U.S. would like to see the UN issue a press release and hold a press event in connection with the release of the 1540 Committee's report to the Security Council pursuant to resolution 1810 (2008). The Costa Ricans responded that 1540 Committee Chairman, Costa Rican PermRep Urbina, would brief the Security Council on August 18 and that they would consider the issue of a press strategy. Also per reftel A, USUN has prepared a draft USUN statement outlining U.S. views on the 1540 Committee's report (ref B), which could be issued in connection with the Security Council briefing.

12. (U) Per reftel C, the 1540 Committee Chairman has circulated to Committee members a draft letter to the Japanese Presidency of the G-8 Non-Proliferation Directors, Group (NPDG) with recommendations on how the G-8 can better support the work of the 1540 Committee. Committee members have until August 5 to seek any changes; if no delegation responds, the letter will be approved and sent. Khalilzad